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In re Application of

Bareket

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Serial No. 10/633,312

Examiner: B. Lev

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Group Art Unit: 3634

For: **TAILGATE LADDER**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 6, 2004. The three month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire January 6, 2005. Thus, Applicant has submitted a petition for a three-month extension of time, making the ultimate due date for response April 6, 2005.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Interview of January 18, 2005, wherein the Examiner provided guidance regarding features of the presently claimed invention that are distinguishable over the prior art. Also, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for entering the amendments filed on January 6, 2005. Applicant submits this Response and Amendment in view of the Examiner's comments in the January 21, 2005 Advisory Action.

Entry of this Response and Amendment is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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